(d) if so, the details thereof together with the action being taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the existing guidelines, prospective customers seeking new LPG connections from the distributors of PSU oil companies are at liberty to procure LPG stoves/hot-plates from any source, provided the same are of approved make.

(c) and (d) Whenever complaints are received by the Government regarding the alleged forced sale of hot-plates by distributors, the same is investigated by the concerned oil company and action is taken against the guilty, as per LPG distributorship agreement etc. from time to time.

Appointment of Petrol Pump Dealers in Bihar

†369. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Bihar where interviews for appointment of petrol pump and gas agency dealers are required to be held;

(b) the reason for delay in appointment of dealers whereas the applications were invited long time back; and

(c) by when Government would make these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c): There are 205 retail outlets dealerships and 154 LPG distributorships in Bihar where advertisements have been issued and interviews are required to be held. Dealers Selection Boards for Bihar are presently not functioning. Selection of dealers/distributors will commence with the reactivation of the selection process.

Allotment of Petrol Pumps to Families of Kargil Victims

†370. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families of those killed in Rajasthan in Kargil war, which have been allotted petrol or diesel pumps so far; if not, by when the same will be allotted to them; and

(b) the number of petrol/diesel pumps decided to be allotted to the families of those killed in Kargil war in the country, State-wise?

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